

Prize Winners in The Crafts Piano Company "Baby Contest"



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214-216 NORTH FIFTH STREET

RICHMOND, VA. Dec. 6th, 1908.

The Crafts Piano Co.,
Richmond, Va.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your request and with the terms of your advertisement of the BABY CONTEST we have today spent several hours in passing upon the merits of the hundreds of papers offered.

For the information of the contributors we beg to say that each definition presented to us had no mark by which the identity of the author could be disclosed, a number being stamped on each, and after a careful reading of each paper we determined after much discussion and by a unanimous vote that Numbers 2654 & 2227 were respectively entitled to the first and second prizes.

Upon calling for the identity of these successful authors they were found to be:

2654 - Mrs. A. McIven, 610 East Leigh St. Richmond, Va., her paper reading "A BABY IS A PRECIOUS GIFT SENT FROM GOD, WHICH MAKES HOME HAPPIER, LOVE STRONGER, PATIENCE GREATER, THE FUTURE BRIGHTER AND HEAVEN NEARER".

2227 - Mrs. Walter Hechler, North 28th St., Richmond, Va., her paper reading "A TINY BUD WHICH THE WINTER OF NEGLECT WILL KILL, BUT WHICH THE SPRINGTIME OF AFFECTION AND CARE WILL DEVELOP INTO A BEAUTIFUL FLOWER".

In addition to the above prizes we awarded \$15000.00 in other prizes, distributed among a number of successful contestants all of whom will receive notice by mail from the Crafts Piano Co.

Respectfully,

Arthur J. Crafts
President and General Manager

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CRUISER YANKEE GOES TO BOTTOM

After Having Been Floated,
She Goes Down in
Heavy Sea.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS., December 5.—Freed from Spindle Rock at the western entrance of Buzzard's Bay, where she had been impaled for ten weeks, the United States cruiser Yankee sank six fathoms deep early to-day near what is known as the Sand spit while being towed to this city for repairs.

She lies a short distance to the north of Penikese Island and not far from the edge on which she had rested since Sept. 22 last.

The sinking of the cruiser occurred this morning, exactly twelve hours after she was floated from the ledge. In spite of the discouraging situation it is believed that the vessel can be raised, and work to that end will be begun before night.

The cause of to-day's accident, the culmination of a series of misfortunes which have befallen the Yankee was an unusually heavy sea kicked up by a high northwest gale.

The Yankee, the tow of the tug John Harlan and Powhatan and conveyed by the naval collier Lebanon, was proceeding slowly from Spindle rock to this port.

In the sale and heavy seas the hawsers had parted for the tenth time, and the tug John Harlan was trying to correct another towing line when she was lifted on a wave and slammed against the side of the cruiser. The impact smashed in a port in the compartment where the air compressor was located.

Water which poured in through the open port disabled the air pump, after which the compartment rapidly filled.

The cruiser did not sink at once. Captain James T. McAllister, who was in charge of the marine engine of the wrecking work, in view of the danger, warned the members of the wrecking crew to leave the ship.

All but six of the ninety-two men left. The Yankee was then stricken as well as the wreckers could do it, and an attempt was made to drag her to Penikese Island and beach her there. This plan seemed likely to succeed when not far from the island, the cruiser filled suddenly and sank in forty-two feet of water.

Commander Charles C. March of the Yankee, Captain McAllister, Engineer Witherspoon and the six members of the wrecking crew who were on board ran up the rigging and later jumped safely on board the Powhatan.

The Yankee went down in a sheltered position and took bottom on an even keel. She rested on sand. Her forward deck, spar and the top of her funnel are above the surface of the water. The collier Lebanon is standing by.

The wrecking crew, Commander Marsh, Captain McAllister and Engineer Witherspoon were brought here to-day by the Powhatan and the John Harlan. The officers planned to return to the scene of the wreck later, taking a diver with them, as they believe that the cruiser can be refloated.

The tug John Harlan suffered somewhat from the impact against the Yankee, the railing and stanchions about the pilot house of the tug being carried away, while the commander of the tug, Captain Chase, narrowly escaped serious injury.

DEADLY OIL FUMES

Large District in Mexico Is Affected by the Overflow of a Well.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Fumes so strong that all metals in a town sixty-five miles away are turning black, buzzards, parrots and other birds are dying in great numbers, and the eyesight of many people far away is affected, are announced as among the remarkable results of the great flow of the Mexican oil well at Dosobasco, Mexico. Since the recent fierce conflagration there, which was published at the time, consumed several barrels of oil during its almost two months' continuance, the best engineering skill on both sides of the Mexican-United States boundary has been engaged in the effort to control the flow and conserve the oil. Immense earthen reservoirs and dikes have been built, but the oil passed over these with ease and spread over the Laguna for several miles. Men and animals, reports Conant Griffith, at Tampico, are dying from the effects of the noxious gases constantly thrown off in great quantities by the wells. Ozuama, a town in Vera Cruz State, seven leagues distant, and Tampico, sixty-five miles distant, are experiencing the blackening of metal from this cause, and all ships entering Tampico from Vera Cruz, and passing near the well, show the effects of the poisonous gases.

Consul Griffith says that it has been authorized to report that two laborers with ten miles encountered a current of the deadly fumes at a distance from the well and were instantly killed.

The Diaz government has sent to the well 300 sappers to assist the company and protect the lives and property of the people living and working in that vicinity.

ART TREASURES GONE

Police Convicted Their Disappearance Is Not Due to Professionalism.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 5.—The police of this city who have been notified that jewelry, valuable furs and art treasures variously estimated its worth at \$50,000 to \$75,000, had disappeared from the home of the late Mrs. George Wood since her death on Oct. 13, declared to-day that if the many articles alleged to be missing were taken from

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FREE DIGESTIVE TABLETS. Don't be afraid of your meals. The reason you have dyspepsia is that you are not taking the right kind of apparatus necessary to the stomach's work.

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SUITS \$17.75, \$21.50, \$23.50, Worth \$23.50 to \$32.50

Our garment buyer is in New York picking up a hundred yards of cloth here and there at a big reduction in price from the leading suit manufacturers & having it made up into the latest styles of Tailored Suits.

To-morrow morning we will offer you what we consider the best values in suits seen this winter. The illustrations of the Suits and Furs are the work of our own artists and have been made direct from the garments.



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Self-Stripe Serge Suits, in black & blue, coat 35 inches long, lined with satin, collar trimmed with satin, slashed back; buttons & loops in back; 2-gore skirt, fold in bottom, \$17.75.

Hard Finish Worsted Suits, in chevron stripes of navy, brown & black, 38-inch coat, double-breasted, semi-fitting back, collar trimmed with velvet & satin, \$21.50.

Hard Finish Worsted, in shadow stripes of green, blue & black, double-breasted, semi-fitting, lined with satin; collar, cuffs & pockets trimmed with velvet; full flare skirt, inverted plait in back, \$23.50.

Fine Broadcloth Suits, 42-inch coat, lined with heavy satin, effectively trimmed with rich braid; pockets trimmed with velvet; full flare skirt, inverted plait in back, \$23.50.



FIGURE C—Rich, beautiful dark Sable Fox Scarf, \$24.50

FIGURE D—Pillow Muffs of brown sable, \$7.98 to \$10.

FIGURE E—Pillow Muffs of brown sable, \$7.98 to \$10.

FIGURE F—Pillow Shape Fox Muff, \$7.95.

FIGURE G—Caracul Scarf, 1 1/4 yds long, \$3.95.

FIGURE H—Caracul Scarf, 1 1/4 yds long, \$3.95.

FIGURE I—Caracul Scarf, 1 1/4 yds long, \$3.95.

FIGURE J—Brown Coney Flat Muff, \$4.95.

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FIELD STAFF TO MEET WEDNESDAY

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O'clock, the first business will be the formation of a definite organization, the election of a president, vice-presidents, corresponding and recording secretaries and treasurer. Executive committees and committees on constitution and by-laws and a program will also be appointed at this time. The meeting adjourning at 1:30 P. M. for the complimentary luncheon tendered by the Jefferson Hotel. All of the business meetings will be held in the main auditorium of Murphy's Hotel. No afternoon gathering other than of committees will be held, as many will wish to scatter about town for shopping and sightseeing, as well as to visit friends.

Wednesday night will come, perhaps, the most interesting section of the program. Addresses will be made by Mr. John Stewart Bryan, president of The Times-Dispatch Company; Governor Claude A. Swanson, Mayor D. C. Rich-ardson, President F. D. Williams, of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Hon. Richard Evelyn Byrd, of the Virginia Press Association, and by Mr. Don Soltz, of the New York World.

Thursday morning will be given up to discussions by members of the association, questions and answers, reports of committees and conferences between the editors of the paper and the field staff.

At 2:30 P. M., all the out of town correspondents will be the guests of The Times-Dispatch at a theatre party, for which seats have been reserved in the body of the house. Those who may not care to attend the play, will be given rides about the city in special trolley cars to points of interest.

The first meeting of The Times-Dispatch correspondents will close with a banquet at Murphy's Hotel at 9 P. M., with a number of after-dinner speeches, the banquet being tendered by The Times-Dispatch Company. Addresses at this time will be delivered by President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, and President George H. Denny, of Washington and Lee University.

A committee on reception has been appointed by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce to aid in making the stay of the visiting newspaper writers pleasant. From the staff of the paper, the following committee has been named to assist in entertaining the visitors: R. W. Simpson, Jr., city editor; Robert L. Ford, news editor; Mrs. A. M. Tyler, society editor; Clinton A. Boyce, William B. Smith and J. K. Irving, Jr., from the local staff, and

J. T. W. Curtis and Horace F. Smith, from the business department.
From Chamber of Commerce—John Miller, Jr., Robert Lecky, Jr., and R. S. Christian.

OUR GUNS THE BEST

Rear Admiral Mason, Chief of Ordnance, Makes His Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—In his annual report, made public to-day, Rear-Admiral Mason, chief of the bureau of ordnance, declares that the twelve-inch guns mounted on the eight latest of our battleships already in commission are equal or superior in power to any twelve-inch gun yet afloat anywhere in the world.

And the twelve-inch guns of our battleships in course of construction will be equal or superior in power to any twelve-inch gun of which we have authentic information. Anticipating the possible need of a more powerful gun than any now in use, he favors the partial remodeling of the naval gun shop factory at the Washington navy yard in order to construct an immense fourteen-inch gun designed to fire a 1,000-pound projectile.

The manufacture and preservation of ammunition remains a great problem for the bureau of ordnance. Admiral Mason points out in this connection the statements made concerning the attitude of the Dupont Powder companies now being prosecuted by another branch of the government under the anti-trust laws, proved a feature of the report.

"The capacities of the government plants are probably now that such during the continuance of peace the government may be considered nearly independent of the Dupont Powder Company, and there is no danger of its having to purchase at exorbitant prices," says Admiral Mason.

Speaking of satisfactory results of the firing tests on the monitor Florida last spring, the Admiral says it was shown that the mechanism of the turret and that the mechanism of the turret and the turret within it could not be injuriously affected by the greatest shock of impact which the turret armor was capable of withstanding. The experiments also demonstrated that the under hull construction of our latest type battleships is well adapted to resist a torpedo explosion.

MERELY EXERCISE

Procession of Dutch Warships Along Chesapeake's Coast Quite Natural.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 5.—The government of the Netherlands has declined to dignify the procession of three Dutch warships, the battleship Jacob Van Heemskerk, and the cruisers Gelderland and Huisman, along the coast of Venezuela.

Raw oysters on half-shell set as butter on the appetite. You get the finest Linnhaven Bays at the Commercial East Main Street.

from Puerto Cabello to La Guayra as a naval demonstration. It asserts that this maneuver was only an ordinary exercise cruise.

Officials to-day pointed out that anything in the nature of a blockade must be duly notified to the powers before being undertaken. They said that no such notification yet had been sent, nor has the necessary notice been given to parliament of any proposed warlike action.

The government has received no official advice confirming the statement that four American warships are expected at Curacao the beginning of January; but it is thought here that now the presidential election is over the United States possibly may lend Holland more effective assistance than the general support already promised.

Lieutenant Disappears.

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—As First Lieutenant Edward Gottlieb, of the coast artillery, failed to appear yesterday at the court-martial before which he is being tried on charges of irregularity in his dealings with business firms while acting as quartermaster, it is expected that some action will be taken at Washington to-day. Gottlieb was released on the personal recognizance of his attorney in New York, but he has not been seen by any member of the court since it adjourned on Wednesday last. The war department has been notified, it has been said, and it is reported that the young lieutenant has gone to Montreal, where he has a number of friends. Military regulations demand that the accused always appear for trial unless illness or good cause prevents.

Gottlieb before his arrest gained considerable fame as an electrical expert in the army and has conducted extensive experiments.

Used Mails to Defraud.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 5.—R. L. Winters, about twenty-eight years old, claiming to be from Williamsport, Pa., Philadelphia and Atlantic City, was arrested by United States Postoffice Inspector Bulla to-day upon a warrant charging the use of the mails to defraud.

Winters after a partial hearing before United States Commissioner Skopson this afternoon was held in bond of \$500 until Dec. 16 to allow the government time to secure witnesses from North Carolina and other points.

N. N. Self, of Telford, Tenn., who shipped to Winters a lot of poultry and farm products, was the complaining witness to-day. He had come here to investigate.

Winters, the government alleges, recently received two car loads of oranges, a car of flour from Oklahoma, and many other things from different parts of the country.

The defendant admitted his only assets were his office furniture and \$75 in the bank. He has been trading as the Winters Mercantile Company.

the house they were not carried off by persons who make stealing a business. The alleged disappearance of the valuables has created a small sensation among Mrs. Wood's friends. The dean woman was sixty-five years old and was the widow of George Wood, former American manager of a foreign insurance company. Her handsome home in North Broad street was well furnished and contained art treasures gathered here and abroad.

Mrs. Wood was found dead in a chair at her home and the coroner's physician assigned heart disease as the cause. There was no one in the house when she died.

It was a peculiarity of Mrs. Wood that her things were kept in great confusion. Since her death valuable ornaments have been found hidden away in trunks, tucked behind furniture and poking out of way corners. The police declare that Mrs. Wood's wealth was largely imaginary and that she was in debt when she died.

CONVENTION OF CHURCHES Considers the Organization of Local Federations and Immigrant Problem.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—After holding two business sessions a day with four great popular meetings each night since the convention first met, which is organized to bring Protestant churches into common action in spreading the gospel, decided to hold but one session to-day.

Among the matters considered at to-day's session was the organization of local federations and the immigration problem. These came before the committee on common action from communications. The report on federations con-

sidered suggestions for the organization of local organizations.

In this connection the committee presented resolutions which were adopted expressing the conviction of the federal council that in view of conditions that exist in cities, small towns and rural communities that the time has come when the churches should join their forces in federated efforts and that the aim should be to make a local federation a means through which the evangelistic need and moral welfare of the community will be cared for most effectively.

Funeral of Dr. McCosh.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, December 5.—Funeral services for Dr. Andrew J. McCosh,

who died on Wednesday evening of injuries received in a runaway accident a week ago, were held this morning in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Hundreds of physicians, representing medical institutions in this city, New Jersey and Massachusetts, attended. There was a large representation from the staff of the Presbyterian Hospital, of which Dr. McCosh was the chief visiting surgeon. Many members of the class of 1877 at Princeton, in which Dr. McCosh was graduated when his father was president, and other Princeton men were present. Mrs. Isabella McCosh, the dead surgeon's mother, who is ninety-two years of age, attended the church services and accompanied the body to Princeton. The interment was in the family vault in Princeton Cemetery.